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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 01/04/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/08/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible ( see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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**For :** *Methods and Materials Involving Dimerization-Mediated Regulation of Biological Events*

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**Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply**

This is in response to the 4/10/2002 Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional). According to the the 4/10/2002 Notice, the period of reply remains as set forth in the 6/8/2001 Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. Since that period had already expired more than 7 months prior to the PTO's issuance of the Notice of Incomplete Reply, Applicants assume that this prompt reply to the Notice does not require a petition for extension of time or any additional fees. If that is not correct, please consider this a request for an appropriate extension of time, and should any fee be due at this stage of prosecution, the PTO is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account 01-2315.

**Amendments**

Please replace the Drawings (Figs 1 - 7) with the enclosed amended Drawings.

Please also replace the Brief Description of the Drawings on page 6 of the specification with the enclosed amended Brief Description of the Drawings.

In both cases, a clean, amended copy is provided together with a copy marked to show all changes.

**Remarks**

The original Notice dated 6/8/01 asserted that the drawings contained excessive text. Applicants assumed that Figure 7 was the figure which raised this issue, since it had the more text than the other figures. Applicants' response (11/7/2001) sought to amend Figure 7 to move much of the text to the Brief Description of the Drawings.

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That response was deemed incomplete either because of the form of applicants' response or because additional figures were deemed to contain excessive text as well.

Applicants apologize for any misunderstanding at this stage, and enclose a set of substitute drawings (Figures 1 - 7) and a substitute Brief Description of the Drawings. Text from the drawings has been deleted and replaced with additional text in the Brief description of the Drawings. No new matter has been added.

If anything else is needed from applicants in order to move this case along in prosecution, applicants invite the Customer Service Center to call the undersigned attorney so that we can try to expedite resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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